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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE: BRITISH VIEWS AND INTENTIONS ON
AID; REPRESENTATION AT INDEPENDENCE CEREMONY

1. HEAD OF CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AFRICA DEPARTMENT AT FCO, MARTIN REID, TOLD EMBOFF ON MARCH 13 THAT HMG BELIEVES IT IS MOST IMPORTANT FOR US AND EC COUNTRIES TO CONTINUE TO MAKE FRIENDLY GESTURES IN POLITICAL AND AID FIELDS TOWARDS MOZAMBIQUE. FCO CONSIDERING WAYS KEEP UP MOMENTUM AND ARE PREPARED TO SEND AID SURVEY MISSION TO LOOK INTO POSSIBILITIES FOR PROGRAM TYPE ASSISTANCE IN FIELD, SUCH AS AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING.

2. WHEN EMBOFF TOLD HIM ABOUT US PLANS FOR ECONOMIC SURVEY TEAM, REID SAID BRITISH WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH MISSION MEMBERS IF THEY PASSED THROUGH LONDON ON THE WAY BACK TO WASHINGTON.

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3. GIVEN ENORMITY OF NEEDS IN MOZAMBIQUE AND PAUCITY OF BRITISH RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR ASSISTANCE, HMG PLANNING TO PROPOSE IN EC FORUM THAT MOZAMBIQUE BE INVITED TO JOIN LIST OF ACP COUNTRIES THAT HAVE SIGNED LOME CONVENTION. REID CAUTIONED THAT THIS HAD NOT YET BEEN PROPOSED TO BRITAIN'S COMMON MARKET PARTNERS AND SHOULD BE HELD IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE.

4. ALTHOUGH BRITISH HAVE NOT RECEIVED INVITATION TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO MOZAMBIQUE INDEPENDENCE CEREMONY, FCO WILL HAVE TO MAKE ANY REQUEST FOR MINISTERIAL LEVEL PARTICIPATION ASAP IN ORDER TO AVOID MINISTERS BEING ALREADY ENGAGED ELSEWHERE. FCO TENTATIVELY THINKING OF ASKING JOAN LESTOR, PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY AT FCO, TO REPRESENT HMG SHOULD THEY RECEIVE INVITATION. REID WOULD APPRECIATE CONTINUING CONSULTATION THIS SUBJECT WITH EMBASSY.
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